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Addendum

Resumed fifteenth session
(23 June 1999)

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Introduction

1. The Programme and Budget Committee held its resumed fifteenth session at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, for one-half day on 23 June 1999, under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Némethy (Slovakia).

2. In accordance with its conclusion 99/1, the Committee took up a new agenda item, Implications of the euro for UNIDO.

3. The following 26 of the 27 Members of the Committee participated in the session:

Argentina, Brazil, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

4. The following 69 Members of UNIDO also attended the session:

Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe

5. The following organizations were represented:

European Commission, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, International Institute of Refrigeration, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, United Nations Office at Vienna, World Health Organization

6. The agenda for the resumed fifteenth session is contained in document PBC.15/14.

7. The report of the resumed session of the Programme and Budget Committee is submitted to the Industrial Development Board in accordance with Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution.

8. The report contains the conclusion reached by the Committee. Annex I to the present report contains a proposed draft decision submitted by Japan. Annex II contains a list of documents submitted to the Committee at its current resumed session.

9. Conclusion 99/10 was brought to the attention of the Board at its twenty-first session.

I. IMPLICATIONS OF THE EURO FOR UNIDO

10. On 23 June, the Committee considered a note by the Secretariat on implications of the euro for UNIDO that contained a memorandum on that subject submitted by the European Union (PBC.15/15-IDB.21/29).

11. On 23 June, the Committee considered a draft conclusion read out by the Chairman and adopted conclusion 99/10:

Conclusion 99/10

The Programme and Budget Committee:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document PBC.15/15-IDB.21/29 on implications of the euro for UNIDO and of the draft decision proposed by the European Union contained in paragraph 7 of the annex to that document;

(b) Also took note of the draft decision proposed by Japan that was distributed to the Committee, as reproduced in annex I to the present report, as well as the views expressed by Member States during the resumed fifteenth session;

(c) Decided to refer the matter to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-first sesion for its consideration.

II. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

12. On 23 June, the Committee adopted the draft report of its resumed fifteenth session (PBC.15/L.10) on the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with the task of finalizing the report.

III. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

13. On 23 June, at 12.15 p.m., the Committee closed its fifteenth session.

Annex I

DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY JAPAN

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Takes note of the replacement of the Austrian schilling by the euro in accordance with article 3 of European Union regulation 974/98;

(b) Decides to set up an intersessional working group for the discussion of the substantive side of the adoption of a single-currency system of assessment based on the euro, for the fiscal period 2002-2003 and in future bienniums, to report to the General Conference at its eighth session;

(c) Requests the Director-General to report on the present item to the intersessional working group, including implications of the merits of simplifying procedures, risks following the fluctuations of exchange in relation to the salary of field representatives, and payment to suppliers whose settlement is made in dollars, as well as other merits and demerits;

(d) Recommends that the General Conference at its eighth session come to a decision regarding the substantive issue.

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE RESUMED FIFTEENTH SESSION

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
PBC.15/14		Agenda
PBC.15/15-IDB.21/29		Implications of the euro for UNIDO